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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

Minutes of
One-hundred-forty-fourth Meeting
United States Intelligence Board
USIB Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1030, 7 March 1961

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Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding*

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
General Charles P. Cabell
Presiding*

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Roger Hilsman, Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State
General Graves B. Erskine, Assistant for Special Operations to the Secretary of Defense
Brigadier General Charles F. Leonard, Jr., acting for Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Samuel B. Frankel, acting for Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Intelligence), Department of the Navy
Major General James H. Walsh, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, United States Air Force
Colonel Robert P. Halloran, acting for Director, National Security Agency
Colonel J. H. McCann, acting for Director for Intelligence, Joint Staff
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative to the USIB
Mr. Meffert Kuhrtz, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation representative to the USIB

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1. Approval of Minutes

- a. 28 February Meeting
(USIB-M-142, including Annex
distributed through special channels)

Approved as circulated, including the Special Annex.

- b. 1 March Meeting
(USIB-M-143)

Approved as circulated.

2. Discussions re Intelligence
Community Briefings of
Outgoing U. S. Ambassadors

After referring to recent intelligence briefings in the State Department of certain outgoing U. S. Ambassadors, in which other Board agencies had participated jointly, Mr. Hilsman raised a question with respect to the over-all scope and objectives of these sessions and their continued conduct on a "community" basis. During discussion the members concurred generally in the view that the joint, community approach was useful and desirable, although it was recognized that additional briefings by individual agencies on special matters might also be required. In this connection it was agreed that each interested agency would review its procedures for participation in such briefings and effect any necessary adjustments.

3. Watch Committee Report
No. 552

Noted.

4. Report of Special Committee
on Berlin Situation
(Report dated 7 March)

Approved the Conclusions of the Special Committee as tabled at the meeting.

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5. Draft Revision of DCID No. 1/5
(Watch Committee Terms of
Reference)
(27 February 1961 draft; available
through Watch Committee representatives)

Approved a draft revision of DCID No. 1/5, as amended. *

6. Augmentation of National
Indications Center Personnel

General Cabell made reference to previous Board action (USIB-M-113, 23 August 1960, item 3) regarding augmentation of the National Indications Center (NIC) staff (USIB-D-29.1/3, 4 August 1960) and emphasized the importance of filling certain remaining gaps in the USIB-approved staffing pattern. After discussion with [] [] Director of the NIC, who reported the degree of progress achieved thus far in this matter, it was understood that appropriate individual agencies would take any necessary steps to meet the personnel requirements for their respective agencies as set forth in the previously agreed staffing arrangements.

7. Semi-Annual Report of Critical
Communications Committee
(USIB-D-30.2/5, 23 February)

Noted this report. In this connection the Board also concurred in a suggestion that instructions of individual agencies regarding use of the CRITIC system should be reviewed and clarified to ensure all feasible uniformity and consistency in procedures for the initial filing and handling of CRITIC messages. In particular, the members agreed as to the desirability of filing CRITIC messages with the most rapid U. S. government facilities available, avoiding duplicate transmission of messages and filing such messages "in the clear" with the understanding that the U. S. transmitting agency would handle any necessary encryption, thus eliminating delays created by double encryption.

*The Secretariat will arrange for copies of this revised Directive to be printed, as approved by the Board, and disseminated to holders of the "Intelligence Directives" handbook.

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8. Review of Sensitive Situations

Congo. The Board noted late reports regarding developments in the Congo and discussed various pertinent political and economic factors, including such matters as the Madagascar round-table conference, financial resources of contesting forces to conduct military operations and problems faced by UN forces in carrying out their mission.

Haiti. Mr. Amory and Mr. Sheldon also commented on a recent report regarding the situation in Haiti and Mr. Dulles suggested that it would be desirable for the State Department to prepare a round-up on developments in that country.

Cuba. General Walsh invited attention to a press report of a recent Castro speech and Mr. Hilsman commented on this matter.

Morocco. Mr. Dulles noted the continuing tensions in Morocco and raised a question regarding possible implications of Hassan's succession to power;

9. Committee on Documentation

"Progress Report"

(USIB-D-39.5/5, 1 March;

USIB-M-115, item 5)

Mr. Borel, Chairman of the Committee on Documentation (CODIB) briefed the Board regarding various specifics of the principal documentation problems in the community, including the steps taken by CODIB to date to resolve them. After discussion in some detail of matters such as legibility and general quality control, compatibility of format, and security considerations, the Board approved the following amended version of the Committee's recommendations:

"A. That the USIB endorse and support any constructive steps planned by the Department of State to bring its information reporting practices into closer harmony with those of the other intelligence components.

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"B. That the USIB endorse the steps taken by the Committee on Documentation to coordinate Service and departmental plans for using flexowriter equipment in overseas posts. Further that USIB re-emphasize its sense of urgency to the Communications Security Board for the resolution of the flexowriter security problem.

"C. That the USIB direct the Committee on Documentation to prepare a plan for conducting a study of the information processing activities of the Intelligence Community. The study should seek to establish and define long-range goals, with particular emphasis on considerations attending the use of automatic data processing and the development of compatible systems. The plan is to be submitted to the USIB for approval."

10. Release of NIE 34-61
Prospects for Iran
(Memorandum to USIB, 1 March)

Agreed to release this estimate without deletions to the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

11. SNIE 55-61
Outlook in Indonesia with Special
Reference to West New Guinea

- a. Approved as amended.
- b. Agreed to release this Special Estimate to the USIA.

12. Executive Session

At the request of Mr. Dulles, the Board met in executive session at 1155.

Adjournment: 1200



Executive Secretary

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